

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of September 30, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Triple Site (Sunnyvale, CA): Post-mitigation TCE sampling results from all residences mitigated to date in the Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood have been non-detectable or at background levels, with one exception. One apartment complex that previously had crawlspace TCE levels up to 20 ug/m3 and indoor air TCE levels up to 4.2 ug/m3 showed initial post-mitigation results of up to 0.15 ug/m3 indoors and up to 1.9 ug/m3 in the crawlspace. Prior to mitigation, this apartment complex showed the highest TCE levels of any home or school building sampled to date in the neighborhood. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

After last week's mailer to the neighborhood, residents are contacting EPA to schedule testing and we are making appointments with tenants and owners for indoor air sampling. Post-mitigation sampling is also scheduled this week at The King's Academy school's small gym to evaluate the effectiveness of the sub-slab depressurization system installed earlier this month. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**
(Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

San Fernando Valley Area 2 (Glendale and Los Angeles, CA): In response to elevated soil gas levels detected in Glendale and Los Angeles, EPA went door-to-door to adjacent residential locations to provide information on vapor intrusion and obtain access for sampling. EPA also met with representatives from Los Angeles Congressman Mitch O'Farrell's office and the City of Glendale to provide an update on this investigation. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**
(Contact: Rebecca Connell, x7-4278)

Anaconda Copper Mine Site: Dante Rodriguez confirmed dates and times for tribal consultations regarding the proposed NPL listing with the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Walker River Paiute Tribe. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)** (Contact: Dante Rodriguez, x2-3166)

Guam SERC Meeting: On September 28, EPA participated via phone and webinar and provided a presentation covering a variety of topics: EPCRA 30th anniversary, ammonia safety days (HI case study), EO 13650 Region 9 Work Group and National All Hands meeting, Western States SERC Work Group, proposed amendments to RMP regulations, CAMEO upgrades and online training resources. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-6737)

Eco Services Operations Corporation: Division Director Enrique Manzanilla signed a Consent Agreement/Final Order with Eco Services Operations Corp. (formerly Solvay USA) settling penalty claims for past violations of General Duty Clause (CAA §112r1) and CERCLA §103

release notification requirements at its facility in Carson, CA. The facility had a release of over 65,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) in November 2013. We conducted a follow-up inspection in February 2014. Respondent has agreed to pay a cash penalty of \$106,000 in settlement of the matter. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Titanium Metals Corporation: Division Director Enrique Manzanilla signed a Consent Agreement/Final Order with Titanium Metals Corp. (TIMET) settling penalty claims for past violations of Risk Management Program and General Duty Clause (CAA §112r) and also CERCLA §103 & EPCRA §304 release notification requirements at its facility in Henderson, NV. The facility had a release of 166 pounds of chlorine in March 2012. We conducted a follow-up inspection in March 2015. Respondent has agreed to pay a cash penalty of \$500,000 in settlement of the matter, and has also agreed to certain other conditions of settlement intended to improve the safety culture at the facility. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

3rd Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Council (“NTEMC”) Conference: Lance Richman attended the three day NTEMC event which was held in Lemoore California. There were approximately 150 participants consisting of tribal members from throughout the U.S. The conference included a number of training events as well as diverse presentations from FEMA, National Weather Service, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Department of Transportation, and others, all focused on emergency management. This was the first time the event was held in California. NTEMC is not a response organization, but instead provide guidance and tools to tribes to develop sustainable and all-hazards approaches to Emergency Management and Homeland Security. (Contact: Lance Richman, x2-3022)

Ammonia Safety Training Institute 32-Hour Training: K. Lawrence participated in the Annual ASTI 32-hour training in Marina CA September 27 and 30. As part of EO 13650 Improving Chemical Safety and Security efforts, Kay provided an overview of the CAA 112r Risk Management Program as applied to Ammonia handlers. On September 30 Kay will also participate in a panel discussion with Cal-OSHA regarding program enforcement. Over 100 students are in attendance, including facility owners and operators and first responders. (Contact: Kathryn Lawrence, x2-3039)

Command Post Exercise: On September 28, we held a command post exercise in the REOC, to test out the new facility and to give experience to some of our newer Incident Management Team members. The scenario was an earthquake in Vacaville that impacted West Sacramento, including a Shell tank farm and a Waste Water Treatment Plant along the Sacramento River and a train carrying chlorine tank cars. This was an all day exercise that included developing an incident action plan, a situation report and several press releases. It was observed by Nancy Jones, a representative from the Office of Emergency Management, Office of Land and Emergency Management. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site: On September 28, we signed an Action Memo for a time critical removal action at the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site, Maywood California. We responded to the fire at this Site to address contaminated ash and soil in nearby residences.

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The Fruitland Site is in an underserved neighborhood in Maywood that is also within the footprint of Exide Technologies, a large lead smelter cleanup that is being led by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

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El Centro Residential Lead Removal Site: On September 28, we signed an Action Memo for a time critical removal action at a residence in El Centro, Imperial County, CA with very high lead levels that led to acute lead poisoning in a toddler that visited the home. The owner of the residence (and grandfather of the toddler) was doing backyard smelting of lead bullet fragments that he scavenged from a police shooting range. Lead levels in the residential yard ranged up to over 9000 ppm lead.

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule: **Internal Personnel (b) 2**

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